

FEBRUARY 22, 2009

7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday, February 23/Polycarp, bishop & martyr

6:30 AM Rev. Francis J. Fox

8:00 AM Larry Bokeko

Tuesday, February 24

6:30 AM Eleanor Fox

8:00 AM J. Michael Kresge

Wednesday, February 25/Ash Wednesday

6:30 AM Aileen Clark

8:00 AM Judith M. Guzzo

12:15 PM John Pieszala

6:00 PM Louis Koch

Thursday, February 26

6:30 AM Patricia Schmaldest

8:00 AM Frank Spiziri

12:15 PM Emma R. Wolfer

Friday, February 27

6:30 AM Amelia M. Scott

8:00 AM Bonita Sabol

12:15 PM Lillian O'Hanlon

Saturday, February 28

9:00 AM Leo Filipovits

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM Joseph & Helen Longone

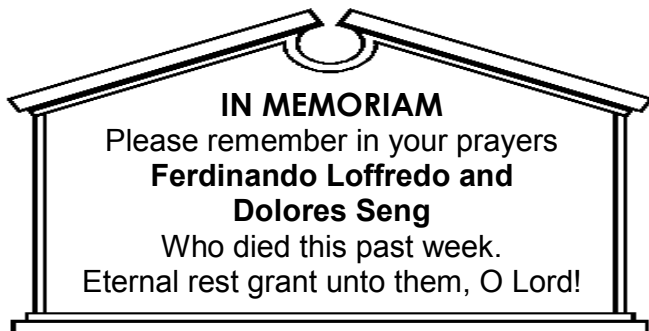
Sunday, March 1

7:30 AM Special Intentions for Robert & Maryann Kulhamer's 40th Wedding Anniversary

9:00 AM Henry Weldner

10:30 AM Margaret Rucci

12:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of our Parish Family



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember to ask God's blessing and gift of good health for members of our parish family and friends who are in nursing homes, or in the hospital. Also, those confined to their homes with an illness or disability, sick or in the hospital: Dominic Bellucci, Sr., Joanmarie Boyle, Rudolf Brem, Emma DeLucia, Angela Gaal, Ryan Glose, Bernard Gallagher, Martin Gilvary, Mary Louise Gnall, John Handlon, Andrew Hein, Frank Kahr, Richard Kahr, Carol Reed, Luke Ronco, Janice Shovelin, Colleen Tomline, Bishop Welsh and Timothy Yankowky.

NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registrations are being accepted for the 2009-2010 school year. Classes are Mon., Wed & Fri, 9:00-11:30 and 12:30-3:00 for 4 year olds; Tues. & Thurs. 9:00-11:30 and 12:30-3:00 for 3 year olds. If you are interested in registering please call 610-266-0450 between 8:30 and 3:00 PM.

ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL SCHOOL

▪ Please continue to save Boxtops for Education, Campbells labels, Ink cartridges, Nestle's GoPlay labels, Redner's tapes and cancelled stamps for our school. We are now collecting used cell phones for recycling. You may have a few older phones lying around your house and don't know how to dispose of them, so please bring them to the school or to church and look for the box that says "Recycle Your Old Phones Here". Thank you for your support in all of our fundraising efforts.

▪ St. Elizabeth School will begin a Pierogie sale on February 25th. Potato and cheese pierogies are \$6 per dozen and will be delivered March 25th. If you wish to order, please call the school at 610-264-0143.

▪ Check out the school website for more information about the school: www.sercc.org/school

▪ Anyone interested in registering their child for K-8 for 2009-2010 school year should call the school at 610-264-0143 for more information.

OUR LENTEN SACRIFICES



Second grade will be maintaining the Lenten Giving Tree in the vestibule of the Church during Lent. All donations will be given to the young families at Mary's Shelter and the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley. Together we are working to bring about God's love to all His people. We greatly appreciate our parish family's kind support.

DESIGNER CLOTHING SALE!

Ladies, we will once again have a Designer Clothing Sale! If you have come to this sale in the past, you know the clothing is of exceptionally good quality and is discounted at 70% off the regular retail price! Don't miss this sale on Saturday, 2/28 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM and on Sunday, 3/1 from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM in the St. Elizabeth Parish Social Hall. Proceeds benefit St. Elizabeth Regional School. Don't miss this fantastic sale!

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP

March 2, 2009 the Golden Agers are going to Ballys in Atlantic City. The bus leaves the church parking lot on Pershing Blvd at 9:30 AM. Contact John Klusarits at 610-437-1570.

PARISH NURSING NEWS

Prayer Shawl Ministry: will meet Thursday, Feb. 26th, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center. We are grateful to all our talented members of this ministry who share in its successful endeavors! 400 parishioners and their loved ones have been touched deeply with the gifts of a shawl, afghan, lap cover, "special prayer cover," baby blanket or hanky bonnet! We thank the Golden Agers for their generous donation used to purchase fleece and yarn for comforting "bereavement prayer covers." Please bring completed items to the meeting or drop off at the rectory Mon-Fri 8 AM to 4 PM. We welcome new members and their "giftedness" to very rewarding works of mercy! Call 610 434-7009 (Marie) with any questions.

Wellness Program: Dr. Micah Sadigh will be speaking on "Healing Power of Self: How To Find The Healer Within" on Wednesday, Mar. 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in our Parish Center. Dr. Sadigh is Assistant Professor of Psychology at Cedar Crest College, a graduate of Moravian College and Lehigh University. He completed his postdoctoral Training in Behavioral Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Please call the rectory, 610-266-0695, to register so that adequate seating will be provided.

Spring Wellness Program: - Line Dancing led by Myra & Ray Rosenberger, starting Wednesday, March 11th. (8 Wednesdays) thru April 29th, 6:00 p.m. - 7 p.m., in our parish hall. Registration forms are on the table below the Parish Nursing Bulletin Board in the vestibule or at the rectory office. Minimum of 21 participants is needed by March 2nd to conduct class. Please register a.s.a.p. if you are interested. Unfortunately, Low Impact Aerobics will not be held in spring.

CATHOLIC MORALS ISSUES

During Lent, our Candidates and Catechumens in the R.C.I.A. program enter into what is known as a period of purification and enlightenment. It is designed to enlighten the mind and heart with a deeper knowledge of Christ our Savior. Lent is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to scrutinize their lives and relationship with God and one another. Classes on a variety of topics on Catholic Moral Issues will be held in the parish center meeting room on Tuesday evenings from 7 pm until 8:30 pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please call the parish center at 610-266-0695.

ST. ELIZABETH GOLDEN AGERS

The next meeting of the Golden Agers will be Friday, March 6, 2009. The entertainment is Chuck Bar and dues will be collected at this meeting. Tickets for the Anniversary Dinner on Friday, May 1, 2009 will also be on sale at this meeting.

BISHOP WELSH

Bishop Welsh died peacefully this past Thursday afternoon. His funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena on Saturday, February 27th. The Bishop had a great deal of affection for St. Elizabeth's, and always enjoyed visiting with us especially for the Christmas Eve and the Easter Vigil Masses. Please pray for his peaceful repose.

KEEP IN MIND

Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 7 PM in the Church.

Lenten Weekday Masses are in the Chapel at 6:30 and 8 AM and 12:15 PM

OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that **fasting**, for all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59, be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of **abstinence from meat** is to be observed, by all Catholics who are 14 years and older, on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Junior and Senior accounting students from DeSales University will provide tax preparation assistance free of charge to senior citizens and those with lower incomes through April 3. The program is part of the United States IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. The students are required to pass a test given by the IRS, in order to participate in this program. For more information or to schedule an appointment, individuals can call 610-282-1100, ext. 1868. A DeSales student will return the phone call and provide assistance accordingly.

CEMETERY CLEANUP

Please remove all flower arrangements, decorations, etc. on the graves of Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemeteries, Whitehall, PA by Sunday, March 15, 2009 if you want to save your things. Spring cleanup in the two cemeteries will commence on this date. Thank you.

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